

**REMARKS**

These remarks are set forth in response to the Denial. Presently, claims 1 through 14 are pending in the Patent Application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent in nature. In the Denial, the Honorable Board indicated that the incorporation into Applicants' claims of a specific industrially understood meaning of "application server" process was lacking. The extrinsic evidence presented by Applicants in the Appeal Brief dated June 2, 2008 firmly establishes the industrially understood meaning of "application server" as presented by Applicants' in the originally filed patent application. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 to include an express definition within the claims of "application server" as "an application server hosting an application programming interface to expose business logic and business processes for use by other applications" so as to distinguish claims 1 and 9 over a mere "application executing in a server". Thus, Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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